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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Crim. No. 05-30002-MAP

V.

(1) FRANK DEPERGOLA, and

(2) ARMANDO BOTTA,

Defendants.

VIOLATIONS:

18 U.S.C. § 894 (conspiracy to collect extensions of credit extortionate means)

(Count One)

18 U.S.C. § 894(a) (collecting extensions of credit by extortionate means) (Count Two)

18 U.S.C. § 2 (aiding and abetting) (Count Two)

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges:

COUNT ONE: [Title 18, United States Code, Section 894: Conspiracy to Collect Extensions of Credit by Extortionate Means]

1. From a time unknown to the grand jury, but no later than September 1996, up to and including May 2003, the exact dates being unknown to the grand jury, in the District of Massachusetts and elsewhere,

FRANK DEPERGOLA, and ARMANDO BOTTA,

defendants herein, together with others known and unknown to the grand jury, did unlawfully and knowingly combine, conspire, confederate and agree among themselves and each other to commit certain offenses against the United States, to wit, to collect extensions of credit by extortionate means.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 894.

COUNT TWO: [Title 18, United States Code, Sections 894(a) and 2: Collecting Extensions of Credit By Extortionate Means; Aiding and Abetting]

1. From on or about September 1996 to in or about May 2003, in the District of Massachusetts, the defendants,

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of Title 18, United States Code, Section 891(7), to collect and attempt to collect an extension of credit; that is, the defendants did unlawfully and knowingly, expressly and implicitly threaten the use of violence and other criminal means to cause harm to the person, reputation, and property of ________ in order to collect and attempt to collect an extension of credit within the meaning of Title 18, United States Code, Section 891, from the said

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 894(a) and 2.

A TRUE BILL

FOREPERSON OF THE GRAND JURY

ARIANE D. VUONO

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DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS:

Returned into the District Court by the Grand Jurors and filed on January $\frac{4}{2005}$.

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